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PORTLAND AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE OREGON

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To All Airport Managers, FBOs, and Fellow Pilots

Midair collisions are an area of vital concern to everyone who flies the skies of the Pacific Northwest. Although the actual number of midair collisions between military aircraft and general aviation is relatively low; 80% of reported Air Force near misses occur with general aviation aircraft. Because of increasing civilian air traffic and our unique type of flying, I would like to pass along a Mid-Air Collision Avoidance (MACA) poster and handouts to inform you about the Oregon Air National Guard and our flying activity.

Portland Air National Guard Base is situated on the south side of the Portland International Airport (KPDX) and is home to the 142d Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard. The 142FW engages in intensive F-15 air to air jet training as well as “real world” air sovereignty alert missions. Our goal is to promote the safest possible flying environment in the area where our military aircraft fly combat training missions. As such, the 142FW would like to partner with the local civil aviation community in an effort to minimize the potential for a collision between military and civilian aircraft. The poster and handouts that accompany this letter depict our routine flight patterns and basic operations. We have designed this information with the civil aviation community in mind. Our Web page has electronic copies of these items as well as other useful information; <http://www.142fw.ang.af.mil/resources/safety/>. An additional source for information about military flying can be found online at the “See and Avoid” web site; <http://www.seeandavoid.org>. This site allows users to find and link to all existing military MACA programs around the United States.

Please hang the enclosed poster and handouts in a prominent place where pilots can easily see them. If you would like any additional copies, please let me know. I would be happy to forward as many additional copies as you need.

Our goal is to be good neighbors and flight safety is always forefront in our minds. If you have any questions, want to talk airplanes or get a tour of our operation, please don't hesitate to call or drop an email.

Sincerely,

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